

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

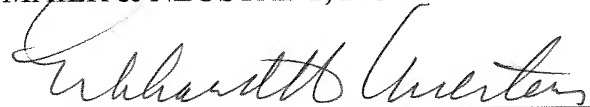
Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17 are pending. Claims 2, 9, and 16 have been amended by the present amendment to correct antecedent references. It is therefore respectfully submitted no new matter has been added by this amendment, and no further search or examination is required.

Additionally, because this amendment was prepared upon the discovery of the errors in a post-allowance file review, it is respectfully submitted that this amendment is timely submitted. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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